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In re Application of:)
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Serial No.: 09/658,778) Group Art Unit: 2664
Filed: September 11, 2000) Examiner: Unassigned
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR)
PARTITIONING SONET FRAMES INTO)
LOGICAL CHANNELS TO OPTIMIZE)
BANDWIDTH UTILIZATION)

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97(b), and 1.98 applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. Each document listed in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication in a counterpart PCT application, and this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the mailing date of that communication.

Copies of the listed documents are attached. For the Examiner's convenience, a copy of a PCT International Search Report citing the listed documents is also attached. Applicant does not necessarily endorse the conclusions set forth in the International Search Report.

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CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.10

I hereby certify that this Information Disclosure Statement, Form 1449 and the documents referred to as enclosed therein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service on this 7th day of November 2002 in an envelope marked as "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" Mail Label Number EV173342879US addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

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documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies these documents as prior art against any claim in the application and Applicant determines that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicant reserves the right to present to the office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of the documents.


Applicant further reserves the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner initial and return a copy of the enclosed PTO 1449 Form, and to indicate in the official file wrapper of this patent application that the documents have been considered.

Respectfully submitted,

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